



Student National Medical Association

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Dear Educator:

The Weill Cornell chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is pleased to announce its annual Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) for high school students. This program, which was developed in 1989 by SNMA, addresses the issues of low enrollment rates of underrepresented populations in medicine.

The program is scheduled for Friday afternoons from 4:00 – 6:30 PM during the months of January, February, and March. Throughout this ten-week program, tenth and eleventh grade students will hear minority physicians speak on a wide range of medical issues. Small group workshops with medical students will include gross anatomy of the heart and how to write a research paper, among other topics. In addition, students will attend practical workshops exploring financial aid and the college application process. Each participant is required to submit a research paper on a pre-approved topic at the end of the program.

In keeping with the primary objectives of HPREP, it is important to accept students belonging to the ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the health and science professions, and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. According to the criteria established by the Association of American Medical Colleges, these ethnic groups include African Americans, mainland Puerto Ricans, Mexican Americans and Native Americans. Students of other ethnic groups are also considered. This program is open to all motivated students with a disadvantaged background. **While grades are considered, they are not the only or the most important criterion used in evaluating an applicant.**

We ask that the application form, one letter of recommendation from a science teacher or guidance counselor who has known the student for at least one year, and an official transcript be submitted for consideration. Applications are accepted now, until Wednesday, November 4th (postmarked date). Letters will be sent to the students in early-December to notify them of their admissions status. The program is scheduled to begin on Friday, January 8, 2010.

Please make additional copies of the enclosed application AND instruction sheet to distribute to your tenth and eleventh graders. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Sahira Torres at (212) 746-3390 or send a message to sjt2003@med.cornell.edu. We thank you for your assistance in making this program possible.

Sincerely,

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HPREP Coordinator

Katherine Fitchel
HPREP Coordinator

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HPREP Coordinator

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JOAN AND SANFORD I. WEILL MEDICAL COLLEGE OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY

**STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
HEALTH PROFESSIONS RECRUITMENT AND EXPOSURE PROGRAM
(HPREP)**

Instruction Sheet

The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is searching for motivated underrepresented minority 10th and 11th grade high school students who are interested in the sciences to participate in the 2010 HPREP program.

The program consists of ten (10) two and a half hour sessions held on Friday afternoons during the months of January, February, and March. Students will attend lectures given by physicians at The Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University. They will also participate in small group workshops led by Weill medical students. All participants will be required to submit a research paper on an approved topic of interest in medicine at the conclusion of the program. At the end of the program, one participant will receive a College Book Scholarship, to be used during their first year of college enrollment.

To apply the following items must be submitted in a timely manner:

- A completed application form
- An official copy of the student's transcript
- Two 250-500 word essays typed in Times New Roman (or equivalent) 12 point font, printed in black ink on plain white paper.

Topic 1. An essay providing your reasons for applying to HPREP, your future goals, and how you think the program will help you in your future endeavors.

AND

Topic 2. An essay about one of the following:

- 1** Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
 - 2** Discuss an issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
 - 3** Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
 - 4** Describe a character in fiction, an historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
 - 5** Describe an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
- One letter of recommendation from a science teacher or guidance counselor who has known the student for at least one year

OR

- Two letters of recommendation, from one of each of the following:
A non-science teacher, a supervisor of a community service or volunteer organization in which you are a member, a community leader, an employer, or a family acquaintance.

**THESE ITEMS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
Wednesday, NOVEMBER 4, 2009
IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2010 HPREP PROGRAM**

Please send all items to:

Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University
Office of Community Service
445 East 69th Street, Room 319
New York, NY 10021
Attn.: Ms. Sahira Torres

All students will be notified of acceptance status by early December. For further information contact Ms. Sahira Torres at (212) 746-3390.

Please turn over for application form

**Student National Medical Association
Weill Medical College of Cornell University
Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program
2010 APPLICATION FORM**

Please type or print legibly in black ink.

| STUDENT INFORMATION | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|------------|
| <i>Last Name</i> | <i>First Name</i> | <i>Middle Initial</i> | <i>Date of Birth</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th | <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F | <i>Age</i> |
| <i>Home Address (Include apartment number)</i> | | | <i>City, State</i> | <i>Zip Code</i> | <i>(Area Code) Phone Number</i> | |
| How would you describe yourself?(please check one) | | | | | <i>Email Address</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> West Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic (please specify) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mainland Puerto Rican | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | | | | | | |
| SCHOOL INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| <i>School Name</i> (Please Print the Official Name) | | | | | <i>School Phone Number</i> | |
| <i>School Address</i> | | | <i>City, State</i> | <i>Zip Code</i> | | |
| <i>Honors received during high school:</i> | | | | | | |
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| <i>Describe your involvement in extracurricular, community or school activities:</i> | | | | | | |
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| <i>If you are employed while in school, please describe type of work and approximate hours you work per week:</i> | | | | | | |
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| FUTURE PLANS/GOALS | | | | | | |
| What do you plan to do when you finish high school? | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend College | <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | | | |
| ESSAYS | | | | | | |
| Please write two 250 - 500 word essays, one essay on EACH topic listed below. All essays MUST be TYPED on a clean sheet of paper and enclosed with the application. Please answer in COMPLETE sentences and be sure to put your name and school on each sheet. | | | | | | |
| Topic one: Provide your reasons for applying to HPREP, your future goals, and how you think the program will help in your future endeavors. | | | | | | |
| AND | | | | | | |
| Topic two: Choose one of the topics listed on other side. | | | | | | |
| DECLARATION | | | | | | |
| Please read carefully and sign this statement. | | | | | | |
| I declare that the information contained in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false information given will disqualify me from participation in the program. Also, I am aware that I must submit an official copy of my school transcript and a recommendation that meets the requirements listed on the instruction sheet (please see reverse side). | | | | | | |
| <i>Applicant Signature</i> _____ | | | <i>Date</i> _____ | | | |
| Please read carefully and sign this statement. | | | | | | |
| I, _____, grant my permission for the above named minor to apply to the HPREP Program, which consists of ten Friday sessions from 4:00 - 6:30PM. I understand attendance is required for all sessions in order to complete the program, should he/she be accepted. | | | | | | |
| <i>Guardian Signature</i> _____ | | | <i>Date</i> _____ | | | |

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR INSTRUCTION SHEET